

families—including the Riadys of Indonesia—represent enormously important economic and strategic assets to the PRC's leadership. Their huge net worth (measured by some observers to be in the trillions of dollars), their influence in their respective countries and their ability to serve as indigenous surrogates, if not as "Fifth Columns," for Beijing enormously complicates the task of responding to China's predations.

⁸According to the London Sunday Times of 6 April 1997, "Norinco [is] a huge state-run arms manufacturing conglomerate, which answers to the State Council, China's cabinet. Norinco has been implicated in the supply to Iran of strategic materials that could help the Islamic regime develop weapons of mass destruction. Its ultimate boss is Li Peng, China's prime minister."

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM H. OLIVER,
AN OUTSTANDING, UPSTANDING
AND UNDERSTANDING MAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, Thursday will mark a milestone in the life of one of my outstanding, upstanding, and understanding constituents. This exceptional person is William H. Oliver. Mr. Oliver will celebrate his 85th birthday on June 12.

Mr. Oliver has lived in East Orange, NJ for 46 years. He is a native of Chase City, VA where he grew up. A true believer in the strength of family, Mr. Oliver has dedicated his life to raising and supporting a family that continues to grow in terms of number, scope, and purpose. Mr. Oliver's family reaches beyond his blood line and includes his church family and the community-at-large.

Mr. Oliver is a very active man. He is thankful for his good health and uses his energy and resources to better himself and the world around him. He is a deacon and the treasurer of his church, Messiah Baptist Church, East Orange. He has held these positions for more than 20 years. His church activities have also included being a member of the trustee board, the male chorus, and past chairman of the Flower Guild. His religion and the love and teachings of Jesus have helped to sustain and refresh him. He is also a Master Mason. His lodge, Jephtha 56, is very fortunate to have him involved in their activities.

When we become older our relationships with our children sometimes change, the provider/dependent roles are switched. That is not the case in Mr. Oliver's life. His two children, William H.L. and Gloria are both accomplished, caring, and committed individuals who serve the law enforcement community. His son is captain of investigators with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office and his daughter is lieutenant with the East Orange Police Department. They use their careers to truly serve, protect, and guide. What is wonderful about these two is their relationship with their dad. They proudly and constantly display their love and respect. It is not uncommon for them to seem like the boy and girl of their youth when it comes to their dad.

Captain Oliver can be seen raptly listening to advice from his experienced elder. Lt. Oliver can be overheard extolling the virtues of her dad and saying how fortunate she is to have him around.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will want to join me as I wish Mr. William H. Oliver a happy birthday and happy Father's Day. I

would also like to extend best wishes to Mr. Oliver's descendants in this strong, stable, and viable family—son, William H.L.; daughter, Gloria; granddaughters, Shelly and Krystal, and their husbands, Oran and Vincent; and great-granddaughters, Kourtney and Madison; and the next great-grandchild to be born in December. May God continue to keep and bless each of you.

OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL
MEMORIAL ACT OF 1997

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation to establish a national memorial in Oklahoma City by establishing the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System and to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust. Few events in the past quarter century have rocked Americans perception of themselves and their institutions, and brought together the people of our Nation with greater intensity than the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

The results of the explosion resulted in the deaths of 168 people. Families and survivors struggled and continue to struggle with the suffering around them and with their own physical and emotional injuries which ultimately shaped their life beyond April 19. Although, these losses and struggles are personal, they resulted from a public attack and are shared with the community, the Nation, and the world. The response of Oklahoma's public servants and private citizens, and those throughout the Nation, remain as a testament to the sense of unity, compassion, heroism, that characterized the rescue and recovery following the bombing.

Due to the national and international impact and reaction, the Federal character of the site of the bombing, and the significant percentage of the victims and survivors who were Federal employees, the Oklahoma City Memorial will be established, designed, managed, and maintained to educate present and future generations, through a public-private partnership, to work together efficiently and respectfully in developing a national memorial relating to all aspects of the April 19, 1995, bombing in Oklahoma City. The character of Oklahomans continue to be on display in their asking the Federal Government for financial assistance on this project. Although the memorial will need approximately \$24 million to be established, Oklahomans are asking that legislation establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System and authorize only \$5 million in Federal funding.

In addition to the proposed Federal money, the Oklahoma City Memorial Foundation is seeking \$5 million from the Oklahoma State Legislature and \$14 million in private donations. The memorial will encompass the Murrah building site, Fifth Street between Robinson and Harvey, and the sites of the Water Resources and the Journal Record buildings. Both National Park Service and non-park service personnel will staff the grounds.

I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting such a worthy piece of legislation. It is the right thing to do.

TRIBUTE TO HANS CHRISTIAN
ACKERMAN, RECIPIENT OF THE
RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Hans Christian Ackerman, a recipient of the prestigious Rhodes scholarship. Hans, a graduate of Menchville High School in Virginia's First District and a 1997 graduate of the College of William and Mary, is one of only 32 students nationwide to earn the much coveted scholarship in honor of philanthropist Cecil Rhodes.

As an interdisciplinary studies major and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Hans specialized in molecular and cellular biology in college. The Rhodes scholarship will enable him to continue his research on infectious disease in Third World countries at Oxford University for the next 3 years.

Much of Hans' scientific curiosity and his dedication to health in underdeveloped countries was fostered by living with his family in Zaire for 7 years. As a child, Hans witnessed the ravages of rubella and malaria throughout the African populations and was disquieted by the inability to prevent such rampant disease.

Last summer, Hans returned to Africa for 7 weeks as a volunteer with the Kenya AIDS Non-Governmental Organizations Consortium. In Kenya, he spent his time as an AIDS educator and helped administer polio vaccinations.

As a result of his upbringing and his experiences, Hans intends to dedicate his life to preventive care medicine as a primary care provider in underdeveloped countries.

Hans' academic success an spirit of volunteerism are matched only by his achievements in the field of music. While at the College of William and Mary, he actively participated in the Gentlemen of the College a cappella group, the William and Mary Choir and the Early Music Ensemble.

Hans has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement, a dedication to the prevention of the spread of deadly disease, and a commitment to improving health care in underdeveloped countries. His variety of interests prove him to be a strong role model for any young American. In view of this young man's special achievements, a hope you will join me in congratulating Mr. Hans Christian Ackerman on being chosen as one of the America's Rhodes scholars.

CAPTAIN BODGIT GAVE THIS
OWNER THRILL OF A LIFETIME

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 1997

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, a former colleague, Congressman Tom Evans has captured the essence of horseracing in America. I'm pleased to make this part of the RECORD because of its significance.